

The Sojourners' Spousal Structure (1 Peter 3:1-7)

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On her golden wedding anniversary a grandmother revealed the secret of her long and happy marriage. "On my wedding day, I decided to choose 10 of my husband's faults which, for the sake of our marriage I would overlook." A guest asked her to name the faults. "To tell you the truth," she replied, "I never did get around to listing them. But whenever my husband did something that made me happy, I would say to myself, 'Look for him that's one of the ten.' Well here in

our text we have a Biblical Golden secret that is a lot less ambiguous than Grandma's Golden Secret. As a matter of fact Peter's marital discourse is very direct and to the point. It is critically important that he do so because there are only two things in this world when properly conducted give us any kind of notion as to what heaven is like. Those are the Church

I. The Sojourning Wife is Submissive -

By submissive there is no indication that there is an less in standing before God. V57 Men & women are equal heirs before God. But as there is a Structure in the Church, in Society, there is for Home
A. Submissive by Admonition - Note

the word subjection it means to put one's self under. Husbands do not go home and say "didn't you hear the preacher you are supposed to submit. Don't blame me for the chill at home." To put oneself under." Wives it is up to you to place your self in subjection to your husband, in obedience to God's word. Note the word Likewise. Ch 2:21-25 Jesus submitting himself to the will of God the cross of calvary. He is your example. No doubt you are probably

B. Submissive For Affect - Peter sets before the reader the example of a divided home. A home where the wife is a believer and the husband is not. Peter emphasises that a submissive wife is instrumental in bringing a lost husband to faith in Christ. Not by her constant nagging but W/O or word. I read of one woman that played religious radio programs loudly and constantly in the house to reach her husband. It only gave him an excuse to leave for

C. Submissive as Adornment - Now Peter is not preaching against jewelry. If he were, he would have been preaching against clothes on women in general. He is talking about our emphasis on the outward appearance, and an under emphasis on the true beauty of the inner appearance. Roman women of the day were captivated by the latest fashion, would wear elaborate and expensive dresses and jewelry. But what is beautiful to God and

1) ...are the Church and the Family. But more often than not the church is more like hell than heaven and the home is more like a battle zone than a heavenly throne. Here in these verses the Apostle Peter gives two characteristics one for the wife and one for the husband that if adopted by each spouse can make their home a heaven on earth.

2) ...are probably twice the person your husband is in integrity and ability, just like a many a private in the army is twice the soldier the general is, never the less he is a private just the same. Wives submit yourself out of obedience to God not your husband.

3) ...for a meeting with friends. Peter says what will win him is the reality of your profession lived out in a chaste (word we get Holy from) manner of daily life and reverence for God. Peter says it will have an affect!

4) ...God and man is a meek and quiet spirit. Meek is not weak. One of the strongest characters in home is a Godly wife. But that strength is not self assertive but power under control. Quiet = is peaceful. It is not the attitude: "Buster you one cross word out of you and I'll give you more than you can handle!"

1) ...try this ladies be sure you place your husband near the bed or couch so that when you call him lord, he'll fall on something soft. Not lord as in God, but lord as in master. Daughters of Sarah, to be compared to Sarah. Notice amazement – it means terror. I thought it is amusing that for some wives it may be terrifying to submit to a knuckle head like your husband. But it may indicate not to be afraid of the unsaved husband that would threaten the wife in order to compel her to deny her faith.

2) ...Our predominating characteristic is sensitivity!

D. Submission from Application - Peter now gives an illustration. Every preacher should illustrate truth. He reaches back in to the O.T. and calls to mind those women of faith that were beautiful with that true inner beauty. Not of cosmetic beauty that can be taken on and off and is false, but the beautiful submission to their husbands. And even called an Example Sarah called her Lord. Before you try this ladies

II. The Sensitive Husband is Sensitive Wives I want you to notice it took 6 verses to straighten you out. Husbands it only took one for us. But how Peter can pack a whole lot in one verse it's a chutz! Our

A. Sensitive Physically - "Dwell with them." This speaks of living under the same roof but it also indicates much more. Marriage is a physical relationship Eph 5:31 "They two shall be one flesh" Not only in marital intimacy but in spiritual familiarity. Dwelling together is not watching TV together. Too many couples live like college roommates instead of husband and wife.

Be together, interact. This is your John Husband B. Sensitive Intellectually - according to knowledge. A recent survey indicated that husbands + wives communicated an average of 37 min / week. How could we possibly know

our wives on 5' min/week. You as a husband need to know your wife's "moods feelings needs, fears and hopes." You are not to be the clueless alpha male that T.V. reveals the husband to be but the one who has the pulse of the band.

The one that approached his marriage thoughtfully and
C. Sensitive Emotionally - A Godly husband does not stamp around thru the house like a bull in the china shop.

Your wife is not a door mat. Honor is a word that pictures a very precious valuable stone. A stone that is easily broken and fragile. Many of our wives are hard as a rock are not fragile. Wanna know why? Because husbands and fathers by their words and works have crushed the hearts of our wives and daughters.

D. Sensitive Spiritually - Always remember this in the home she may be your submissive wife, but in the family of God she is your sister. One equal footing of Calvary. You'd probably treat your wife differently if you found out that she was royalty. Well she is. an heiress a princess in the family of God and you must treat her as such. Hindered - chopped off.

The reason many of us men are spiritually inept
III. Close - Warren W. - The husband must be the "thermostat" in the home. setting the emotional and spiritual temperature. The

1) ...with thought and care!

2) ...and daughters so many times that they have become rock hard emotionally.

3) ...spiritually inept and powerless. It's not from our lack of Bible reading, our desire to follow Christ, our time that we spend in prayer. It may very well be how we are treating our wives.

4) *...the wife often is the "thermometer" letting him know what that temperature is! Both are necessary. The husband who is sensitive to his wife's feelings will not only make her happy, but also grow himself and help his children live in a home that honors God."* I'll tell you, Peter is handing out Golden marital advice for both men and women. How are you on these characteristics? Wives does the word submission just rub you the wrong way? Husbands, does the word sensitivity cause you to role your eyes? If so, there is a problem. It needs to be resolved tonight.

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